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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated 5 January 2009, Applicants submit the present amendments and remarks in support of patentability. Applicants note that this filing on 6 April 2009 is believed to be timely due to the Office being closed on 5 April 2009 (a Sunday). Prior to the filing of this Amendment and Response, Claims 1-8 were pending before the Office. In this Amendment and Response, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 6, and 7 and has added new Claims 9-25. Furthermore, Applicants have amended the Specification and the Drawings.

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